



## FREMONT'S 132<sup>nd</sup> OLD HOME DAY SERVICE

Fremont's 132<sup>nd</sup> "Old Home Day Service", sponsored by the Fremont Universalist Society, will be held on Sunday August 15, 2010 at 11:00 am in the Old Meeting House at 464 Main Street. People of all denominations and are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Reverend Janet Bowering of Plaistow, NH will officiate. Louis Santucci of Epping, NH will serve as the organist and the Fremont Boy Scouts will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. There will also be special music by the Grace Notes a cappella singing group. There will be a Social Hour with refreshments at the Ellis School following the service.

In 1873 Miss Sarah A. Chase left a sum of money, the interest from the fund to be used for hosting a Universalist church service once a year. In 1878 this fund matured and on April 11<sup>th</sup> of that year a group of citizens met in the Old Meeting House and organized The Fremont Universalist Society for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Miss Chase's will. Because of Miss Chase's will, the organization is identified as the Fremont Universalist Society. However, it is such in name only and the yearly service has evolved into an all-denominational event.

The Old Home Day services were held in the 1856 Democratic Hall for many years and then, for a time, in the 1865 Union Church. That church was destroyed in the great fire of 1921. Since that time, the services have been held in this "Old 1800 Meeting House".

The Universalist Society is now the oldest existing organization in Fremont. The Universalist Society/Old Home Day Committee membership has diminished over the years and new members are needed to help

perpetuate this unique piece of Fremont history for many years to come. The members meet once a year in the spring to organize the “Old Home Day Service” at the Old Meeting House which is always held on the third Sunday in August. Please consider joining the Society which consists of pleasant & welcoming members.

For more information please contact Universalist Society President Kim Andrew at 734-2555.